



# EFFECTIVE LITERACY IMPLEMENTATION FOR LEADERS

## PURPOSE

This concise guide provides immediate strategies that school leaders can employ to promote literacy at their schools. The format features impact statements from Louisiana's literacy initiatives accompanied by applicable ways leaders can implement literacy practices.

**PRIORITY ALIGNMENT**  
Provide the highest quality teaching and learning environment from birth through graduation.

**FOCUS AREA**  
Literacy

## LOUISIANA'S PILLARS OF EFFECTIVE LITERACY IMPLEMENTATION FOR LEADERS



**Student literacy outcomes will increase when schools create and monitor LITERACY GOALS.**

- Communicate **literacy goals** with teachers and other stakeholders.
- Monitor literacy goals quarterly to ensure actions and goals are being met.



**Literacy outcomes will improve when students are provided high-quality core instruction together with EXPLICIT LITERACY INTERVENTIONS AND EXTENSIONS based on individual student needs.**

- Create **literacy block schedules**, ensuring time is assigned specifically for core instruction and intervention grounded in the foundations of reading.
- Monitor and observe the implementation of **intervention activities and strategies**.
- Ensure access to books for students to practice reading skills through **classroom libraries**.



**ONGOING PROFESSIONAL GROWTH is an essential component of effective teaching and literacy development.**

- Ensure there is **ample time** for **facilitation of learning communities** to review student data and track progress.
- Provide opportunities for teachers to be trained and receive **ongoing professional development** on **high-quality curriculum implementation** and **foundations of teaching reading** to support literacy instruction and development during core and intervention time.



**FAMILIES play an essential role in the literacy development of children at all ages and stages.**

- Engage families in providing literacy support for their students by utilizing **strategies and resources** available on the Department's Literacy webpage that were compiled from educators across Louisiana.
- Connect with community programs and resources to maximize access for all families.